(a) the contribution in terms of production made by SSI in the GDP of the country during financial years 1997-2000;

(b) whether it is a fact that exports were also made from this production; and

(c) if so, the value of exports made during each of the said years and the percentage of this export out of country's total exports ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The contributions of SSI in the GDP of the country were 6.92% and 6.71% in the years 1997-98 and 1998-99 respectively. The information on the share of SSI in the GDP for the year 1999-2000 is not yet available in the absence of comparable data on GDP in the manufacturing sector.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Exports made from the SSI sector were Rs. 44,442 crore and Rs. 48979 crore for the years 1997-98 and 1998-99 respectively (as per the latest available data). The share of SSI exports in total exports was about 35.19% and 34.59% in the years 1997-98 and 1998-99 respectively.

New Industrial Units in SSI Sector

† 4245. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL :
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH :

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that setting-up of new industrial units in SSI sector of the country has increased during last few years;

(b) if so, the number of industrial units functioning in SSI sector during 1997,1998 and 1999; and

(c) the amount given to this sector in the form of loan by Government's financial institutions during each of the said years and its percentage of the amount given for priority sector ?

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THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The cumulative number of registered SSI units in the years 1997, 1998 and 1999 were 23.52 lakhs, 24.47 lakhs and 25.39 lakhs respectively. Information on the number of functioning units is not available centrally.

(c) Total priority sector advances by the public sector banks and share of SSI in those advances is as follows :—

	Amount outstanding (Rs. Crore) as at year ending		
	March 1997	March 1998	March 1999
Total priority sector advances	79131	91319	107200
Credit to SSI	31542	38109	42674
Percentage share of SSI to total priority sector advances	39.86	41.73	39.81

Labourers Engaged in SSI Sector

† 4246. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA :
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL :

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have made any estimate regarding the number of labourers engaged in the small scale industrial sector in the country;

(b) if so, the number of the people engaged in the small scale industrial units during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 separately; and

(c) the percentage of these people out of those working in die entire industrial sector ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) and (b) The estimated number of persons

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